



Equity Council Agenda

Zoom Meeting Time: March 24, 2021 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Welcomes & Introductions

- Executive Office of Health and Human Services Secretary Womazetta Jones welcomed the Council members

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution and Data Update | Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) Director Dr. Nicole Alexander-Scott and High-Density Communities (HDC) Lead Sheena Gordon

- The Department of Health is working through various channels, including retail pharmacies, state-run sites, municipal locations, and community clinics, to get individuals from high-density communities vaccinated. Find more information about [RIDOH's HDC strategy here](#).
- Vaccine distribution is currently limited by a low vaccine supply. The vaccine supply provided by the federal government continues to increase, from under 4,000 doses the week of February 28th to 10,000 doses the week of March 28th.

BIPOC Vaccine Strategy – Pastor Howard Jenkins and Dr. Luis-Daniel Munoz

- Pastor Jenkins and Dr. Munoz have presented an alternative vaccination plan to officials at the Department of Health and the Executive Office of Health and Human Services.
- The alternative vaccination plan would establish BIPOC mass vaccination weekends at the Dunkin Donuts center. Individuals without access to a vehicle would be transported to the site by buses provided by the State.
- For more information on COVID-19 vaccination and the status vaccine distribution in Rhode Island, please visit <https://covid.ri.gov/vaccination>

Community Feedback: What are you hearing from the community? What should the State know?

- A Council member voiced community frustration with the vaccine registration and recommended the implementation of a pre-registration system. Individuals can now pre-register at portal.ri.gov.

Next Steps

- State staff will provide Equity Council members with updated data slides prior to next meeting.

Close

- Closing remarks given by Secretary Womazetta Jones

